

**CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION**

Reporting Formats for Article 7

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HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

Form A National implementation measures

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

Remark: In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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Measures

Supplementary information (e.g.,
effective date of implementation & text
of legislation attached).

The Ottawa Convention was sanctioned (or promulgated) by Greece with Parliament Law 2999 of April 08, 2002 (Official Government Gazette issue #71) and became part of the internal Greek legislation. The Convention was ratified by Greece on 25 Sept. 2003 and entered into force on 01-03-2004 according to article 17 paragraph 2 of the Convention.

If a member of the Greek military commits any action that could be judged as prohibited by the Convention, this would consist: (i) a grave disciplinary offense and (ii) a penal offense punishable under the provisions of the Greek Military Penal Code (MPC), namely insubordination (or disobedience) (art. 53) or breach of direct military order (art. 55) or breach of direct military order by negligence (art. 56), depending on the circumstances. For such an offense any member of the military can be brought before a military tribunal and a disciplinary board. The decision of the latter could even amount to the dismissal of the accused from the armed forces.

If a civilian commits an action prohibited by the Convention, this could consist, depending on the circumstances, a breach of art. 141 of the Penal Code (PC). Art. 141 of the PC intends to prohibit and punish any action against the external relations, the international status and obligations of the Hellenic State. The same action is punished even if it is committed by negligence by art. 142 of the PC. These two articles belong to a special chapter of the Penal Code entitled "treacherous acts against the State".

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Any action prohibited by the Convention committed either by a member of the military or a civilian could also consist a breach of the provisions of Parliament Law 2168 of Sept. 03, 1993 regarding "the legal use and transfer of weapons, ammunition and explosive ordnance". In such a case, the member of the military or the civilian would be prosecuted for both the breach of the provisions of Law 2168 and the Military Penal Code or the Penal Code, accordingly.

The above-mentioned crimes stipulated by Law 2168/03-09-1993 and the Penal Code are punishable as misdemeanors. The crimes stipulated by the Military Penal Code are punishable either as misdemeanors or felonies, depending on the circumstances.

Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7. 1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
M 2	150,001	--VOID--	--VOID--
DM 31	989	--VOID--	--VOID--
M 16	183,356	--VOID--	--VOID--
M 14	592	--VOID--	--VOID--
TOTAL	334,938		

Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

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1. Areas that contain mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
-	-	0	-	-
	-	0	-	-

Total : 0

2. Areas suspected to contain mines

Location	Type	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
--VOID--				

Form D APLMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer anti-personnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. **Compulsory:** Retained for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Various Engineer training units in locations all over Greece (under the intendance of the Engineers General Directorate of the Army General Staff)	M 14	2,973	--VOID--	APLMs have been retained under the Article 3 for training soldiers in mine detection and clearance and canine detection.
	DM 31	1,248		
	M 2 A4	986	--VOID--	--VOID--
	M 16 A2	300		
TOTAL	→	5,507		

1b. **Voluntary information (Action #54 Nairobi Action Plan)**

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information (Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate...)
--VOID--	--VOID--	"Information on the plans requiring the retention of mines for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance, or mine destruction techniques and report on the actual use of retained mines and the results of such use"

Form D (continued)

2. Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
[See previous page, under para 1a]	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	All mines retained for training purposes are kept in certain Army Engineers training-units and are not transferred between them or elsewhere.
TOTAL	--VOID--	--VOID--		

3. Transferred for the purpose of destruction (Article 3, para.2)

Institution authorized by State Party	Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
APLM stockpiles transferred to the Hellenic Defense Systems S.A. from various stockpiles in Greece.	M2	4.776	--VOID--	Transferred to DEMIL TECH for destruction during 2023.
	DM 31	0		
	M16	3.699		
	M14	0		
	Total :	8.475		

Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
--VOID--	--VOID--	Upon ratification of the Ottawa Convention, there were not any anti-personnel mine production facilities whatsoever in Greece.
--VOID--	--VOID--	

Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APLMs (Article 4)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
The stockpiled Antipersonnel Mines (APLMs) have been gathered and transferred to 12 final sites, from which they are being collected and transferred to the DEMIL-TECH company in Croatia for destruction.	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

2. Status of programs for destruction of APLMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Description of the status of programs including:	Details of:
Location of destruction sites	
All APLMs that had come out of the ground during the demining works in Evros have been destroyed in situ for safety reasons.	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APLMs (Article 4)

Type	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
M2	4.776	--VOID--	Destruction was carried out by DEMIL-TECH Company in Croatia , and the relevant destruction protocol has been countersigned by the Croatian authorities.
DM 31	-		
M16	3.699		
M14	-		
TOTAL AMOUNT	8.475		

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (Article 5)

Type	Quantity	Supplementary information
-	0	-
-	0	
TOTAL	0	

Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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1. Technical characteristics of each APLM-type produced

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	Grams			
--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--	--VOID--

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Type	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive content		Metallic content	Colour photo attached	Supplementary information to facilitate mine clearance.
			type	Grams			
M 16	H:14 cm D:10 cm	pressure – pull	TNT	453 grms	--VOID--	--VOID--	Jumping body cleared in the Evros Province. The other types of the stockpiled mines mentioned in Form B have not been used and are safely kept away in special depositories.
M 2	H:15.87 cm D:7.81 cm	pressure – pull	TNT	181,2 grms	--VOID--	--VOID--	Jumping body. — (See also suppl. info in the above cell)

Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

- i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

Remark: In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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[Narrative:]

All minefields along the border with Turkey in the Evros Province are clearly defined and marked, well above any standard established by Amended Protocol II and the relevant NATO STANAGs and don't include APLMs. All minefields have a double fence. Barbed wire was added to almost all the minefields of Evros. Mine casualties among illegal migrants trying to cross the border from Turkey are suffered from time to time because they are led to the border along river Evros at night and then instructed to ignore any mine fences and markings and walk into the Hellenic territory. Some times they are even aided in cutting the wire and led into minefields!. — Greece offers, free of charge, health treatment through its National Health System to any person injured by landmines, irrespective of their legal status.

Form J Other relevant matters

Remark: States Parties may use this form to report voluntarily on other relevant matters, including matters pertaining to compliance and implementation not covered by the formal reporting requirements contained in Article 7. States Parties are encouraged to use this form to report on activities undertaken with respect to Article 6, and in particular to report on assistance provided for the care and rehabilitation, and social and economic reintegration, of mine victims.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]

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